

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
LOCALLY REINFORCED SHEET-METAL MOULDINGS  
AND PRODUCTS MADE THEREBY**

the specification of which

X is attached hereto, or  
\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>100 49 660.1</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>October 7, 2000</u>	<u>Yes</u>
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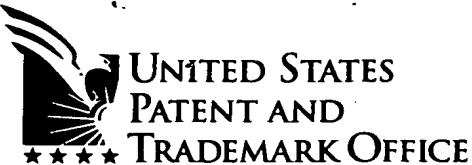
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(hereinafter ASSIGNEE) all right, title and interest for the United States, its territories and possessions in and to his invention relating to:

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as set forth in his United States Patent Application (check one):

☒ executed concurrently herewith,  
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Each of the undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all such Letters patent to said ASSIGNEE, its successors or assigns in accordance herewith.

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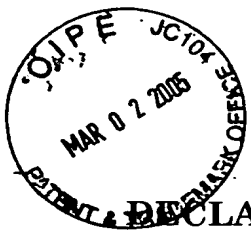
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7. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Application dated June 13, 2002;
8. A copy of the Office Action dated October 1, 2002;
9. A copy of the Response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002;
10. A copy of the Office Action dated December 31, 2002;
11. A copy of the Response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003;
12. A copy of the Status Request filed May 5, 2004;
13. A copy of the Second Status Request filed November 9, 2004;
14. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 21, 2004, including Form PTO-1449, European Search Report dated November 3, 2004, and two cited references; and
15. A copy of the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. 1.251 – Pending Application.

Applicants undersigned provides herewith a copy of the above-noted contents of the File Wrapper for this application. Applicant's response fulfills all requirements as set forth in the Notice.

Serial No.: 09/972,195  
Reply to Notice dated  
December 2, 2004

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.50476).

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